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: CLOSURE PART AND METHOD FOR ITS PRODUCTION AND

: APPARATUS FOR USING THE METHOD

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

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Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, Applicant is enclosing an Information Disclosure Citation Form (PTO-1449) which lists the references cited in the International Search Report accompanying the national stage documents being filed on this same date together with a copy of each reference cited therein. The relevance of the references is set forth in the International Search Report.

It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be considered by the Examiner in the above-identified patent application and that the cited documents be made officially of record therein. It is further requested that a isting of the same appear on the face of any patent which may issue from this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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